

## **STATE ELECTION BOARD CODE OF CONDUCT**

The State Election Board Code of Conduct is intended to serve as a guide for the conduct of State Election Board Members (“Member(s)”). The Code of Conduct presents specific ethical principles to guide Members in their responsibilities and actions while serving on the State Election Board (“SEB”). The Code of Conduct shall not supplant the Georgia Constitution, the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest requirements in Chapter 10 of Title 45 in the Georgia Code, or any provision of Title 21 in the Georgia Code related to the SEB.

1. Members shall be honest, fair, and avoid any appearance of conflict and/or impropriety.
2. A Member is expected not to participate in any matter or proceeding before the SEB, including participation in debate and discussion of a matter, under the following circumstances:
  - a. Member serves on the campaign committee for a respondent, complainant, or witness;
  - b. Member has made a public endorsement of the candidacy of a respondent, complainant, or witness;
  - c. Member has made a financial contribution, an in-kind contribution, and/or provided personal services to a candidate who has qualified for a primary or election under the Georgia Election Code, previous candidate, or officeholder who is a respondent, complainant, or witness;
  - d. Member’s employer or any entity in which the Member holds an equity and/or economic interest has made a financial contribution, made an in-kind contribution, or provided any personal or professional services to a respondent, complainant, or witness;
  - e. Any matter in which a Member has made a financial contribution, in-kind contribution or contribution of personal or professional services to any organization covered under O.C.G.A. § 21-5-3 (defined as candidates, campaign committees, connected organizations, independent committee, or political action committee) and such organization or employee thereof is a respondent, complainant, or witness; or
  - f. Member’s parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law is a respondent, complainant, or witness.
3. No Member shall participate in the consideration or adoption of rules or amendments thereof that affect the actual ballot for an election on which the Member’s name appears.
4. Members should not serve as a poll watcher for a particular candidate or a political organization in a primary, election, or special election.
5. Members should not serve as a poll manager in a primary, election, or special election.
6. These rules shall apply prospectively and shall not in any way limit, diminish, or impair the statutory responsibilities and obligations of the Secretary of State as the Chief Election Officer.